

## **DURHAM'S ALLIANCE FOR CHILD CARE ACCESS (DACCA)**

1201 S. Briggs Avenue, Suite 100, Durham, NC 27703

560-8300

### **PURPOSE**

DACCA is a collaborative of four agencies which include: Durham County Department of Social Services, Durham's Partnership for Children, Child Care Services Association, and Operation Breakthrough. The mission is to provide access to quality child care for low income families through the shared resources of partner agencies.

### **SERVICES**

- Child Care Subsidies and scholarships
- Information on choosing quality child care
- For families that rely on public transportation, we offer transportation to child care sites so that they may evaluate and choose a child care provider
- Information and referral to Smart Start Transportation
- Information and referral about NC Health Choice, which is a health care benefit coverage for uninsured children from low-income families
- Technical Assistance including record keeping, completion of attendance sheets, and workshops on best business practices for child care providers
- Information and referral on other services for families and children

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Low income families with children between ages 0-12 who meet income guidelines, live in Durham County, and/or:

- Have a special needs child
- The child is in protective services or in foster care
- Need child care to maintain employment
- Are Work First recipients and need child care in order to pursue employment
- Are teen mothers who need child care in order to return to school

Child care providers may also receive technical assistance.

### **APPLICATION**

Referrals may be by self-referrals, phone calls from the community and agency staff, and through the screening form located on the DSS website. The website address is: [director@dss.co.durham.nc.us](mailto:director@dss.co.durham.nc.us). It generally takes several weeks to get an appointment, but accommodations are made in urgent situations. Applications are taken at 1201 S. Briggs Avenue, Suite 100, Durham, NC 27703 560-8300 from 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Monday-Friday. Appointments usually last about one hour.

Applicants should bring:

- Social Security numbers and dates of birth for children
- Verification of income

- Verification of employment, education, or training schedule

### **REFERRALS**

Community agencies referrals are made to include:

Smart Start Transportation

Operation Breakthrough

Child Care Services Association

Durham County Social Services

Durham County Dept. of Public Health

Early Childhood Outreach Program (ECHO)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Family Support Coordinator - 560-8360

**RELATED TOPICS:** Work First Family Assistance; Work First Employment Services;  
Family and Children's Medicaid/NCHC; Food Stamps